Subject No. 152.

Grant of Loans for building houses at Chitaldroog.

Summary of discussion.—For the convenience of poor people, loans should be granted for building houses. This will lead to good houses springing up in Chitaldroog.

Dewan's reply.—We cannot do this. The Municipal Board might.

Subject No. 153.

Jurisdiction of Chitaldroog Munsiff.

Summary of discussion.—The jurisdiction of the Chitaldroog Munsiff should be raised to Rs. 2,000 as people find it very difficult to go to Shimoga for disputes involving more than Rs. 1,000. The District Judge of Shimoga should be authorised to hear Civil appeals, and dispose of applications for Insolvency and Heirship certificates, when he comes to Chitaldroog to hold Criminal Sessions.

Dewan's reply.—The question of raising the jurisdiction of Munsiffs is under consideration. As to the District Judge making a longer stay at Chitaldroog when he comes there, Government see no objection. He will do this as far as it is convenient.

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Subject No. 154.

Extension of rules in re grant of loans for constructing wells in dry lands to wet and garden lands.

Summary of discussion.—Under the rules now in force, loans are granted only for repairing or constructing wells in dry lands but the same concession should be shown to persons desirous of repairing or constructing wells in wet and garden lands. In the Chitaldroog District, a large extent of land is cultivated under Kapile wells. The raiyats should be supplied by Government with Water Pumps, the actual cost being recovered from them by instalments as in the case of loans granted for other agricultural purposes.

Dewan's reply.—No objection. It is doubtful that pumps will be popular. A water lift better in all respects than the Kapile has yet to be invented.

Subject No. 155.

Irrigation cess on Bavadi Bagayet lands should be abolished.

Summary of discussion.—Irrigation cess now levied on 'Bavadi Bagayet' lands (Garden lands under wells) should be abolished.

Dewan's reply.—This is under enquiry.

Subject No. 156.

Free removal of green date leaves for agricultural purposes.

Summary of discussion.—The removal of green date leaves is now strictly prohibited. But ropes required for agricultural purposes cannot be made from dry leaves. Tender green leaves are absolutely necessary and should be allowed to be taken.

Dewan's reply.—This would spoil the date trees for toddy purposes and cannot be allowed.

Subject No. 157.

Patels to remit Toddy khists to Taluk Cutcherry.

Summary of discussion.—For some time after the introduction of the new Toddy system, the Patels were in the habit of receiving khists from shop-keepers and remitting the same to the Taluk Cutcherry. A subsequent order on the subject requires the shop-keepers themselves to make payments direct into the Taluk Treasury. This puts them to